

24 NUNS MAKE APPLICATION TO CLERK FOR CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

FRANCISCAN SISTERS IN
OTTAWA TO BECOME
NATURALIZED
ARE FROM STREATOR

DEMURE AND GENTEEL WOMEN
APPROACH CIRCUIT CLERK'S
OFFICE SETTING PACE FOR
OTHER FOREIGN BORN WOMEN
OF COUNTY.

Twenty-four women, demure and genteel, began yesterday setting the pace for others of their sex who may be of foreign birth, by approaching Circuit Clerk John L. Witzman in little groups of four each in quest of naturalization papers. They represent the nursing force of St. Mary's hospital in Streator and are all members of the Franciscan Sisters.

Four of the nuns appeared in Ottawa yesterday accompanied by Dr. George K. Wilson. This morning with the same escort another group were taken before the clerk and there renounced their allegiance to Germany to become citizens of America. The Franciscan Sisters are all of German birth and the movement to become naturalized is general throughout the order in the U. S. A. The headquarters of the branch is at Springfield, where more than a hundred have renounced their German citizenship to become full-fledged Americans. Those in other cities are pursuing the same course. Late this afternoon, as soon as they are off duty, the remainder of the Streator order will come to Ottawa to take the oath and sign their declaration of intentions.

As they stood before the examining clerk this morning the gentle eyed nuns looked upon the occasion as a novelty from their routine of faithful work in the cause of the sick and infirm, while their smiles radiated through the office spreading their contagion from one person to another as the examinations were in progress.

Asked about their ages they replied unhesitatingly and spoke in exceptionally good English to the fact that their own statements some of them had been in this country for only a few years. Each gave the place of her birth, the date of her departure from Germany and the date of her arrival in America in subdued voice. The papers were issued to them under their family names, no mention being made in the papers of the names they have chosen as religious life. When their final papers are issued them, they will be issued in like manner without reference to the names they assumed after taking their final vow.

Their occupation was given as "nurses." They will have to wait for two years before getting full citizenship, but no matter whether they be sent to the interim dispositions will be taken by those who have known them the required five years and sent to wherever they may happen to be to read into the federal courts.

The Franciscan branch of Catholic Orders specializing in nursing, is preparing, according to authorities, for whatever service it may be put in case war becomes such a magnitude their help will be demanded upon the field or in base hospitals.

MOOSE WILL STAGE AMATEUR MINSTRELS

The Girber Honey Boy Minstrels, under the auspices of the Loyal Order of Moose will be presented in this city during the month of May. Herbert Girber will personally direct the home talent production, all of the talent being chosen from the members of the local lodge.

Agreements with Mr. Girber were signed last evening and the following committee named to look after the arrangements: A. Giddens, Otto Gebhardt, Roy W. Butcher, W. A. Johnson, George Shannon, Ed. Dougherty, James O'Meara, Harry Grant, Harry Scott, Louis Collins, George S. Ankeny, W. H. Giddens.

Worked the Librarian.
Librarian (to borrower)—Can I help you in any way?

Borrower—I want to find out in what books the following characters are mentioned: Becky Sharp, Count Dracula, Sir Marmaduke Matheson, Abraham Adams, John Snow, Ellen, Lalla Rookh, Dinah Morris, Miss Standish, Caleb Banderstone.

Librarian (after much time spent in research)—That completes the list.

Borrower—Thanks. It's for a compilation in Binkie's Weekly, you know.

Librarian (joke and jottings).

CALL MEETING IN LA SALLE TO BEAT HIGH COST OF LIVING

ILLINOIS VALLEY EXPERTS TO
ASSEMBLE FOR PURPOSE OF
AROUSING INTEREST IN BACK
TO GARDEN MOVEMENT.

Coincident with the appeal of President Wilson and Governor Lowden for patriotic service in marshaling the economic resources of the country, there is issued today a call for an Illinois Valley "food conference." Public officials, educators and representatives of commercial, agricultural and women's organizations have been asked to meet at the Illinois Valley Manufacturers Club in La Salle next Tuesday evening.

At the instance of the club's public welfare committee, Secretary Oscar Beckman has issued invitations for a conference from which it is hoped will result "a constructive campaign aimed at increasing the food production of the district and eliminating waste." Ways and means of using the co-operative effort of the organizations represented to combat the high cost of food supplies will be discussed at this meeting. The men and women invited are asked to "give thought to the all-important problem of food supply and come prepared to suggest ways in which all may co-operate in a common, a patriotic cause."

The committee, which is headed by E. H. Wolf of La Salle, is of the opinion that there are many ways in which the various organizations of the valley may assist in meeting the situation. Commercial organizations and the manufacturers, it is pointed out, may encourage the raising of garden produce and disseminate information concerning agricultural methods, with the assistance of farm experts. Women's clubs may conduct a campaign for economical buying and preparation of food. Retailers may be able to cut prices by co-operative buying in large quantities.

About forty persons have been invited to attend the "food conference," and it is expected that representatives of other organizations not on the mailing list will avail themselves of the opportunity to offer their services.

In the opinion of J. H. Cairns, instructor in agriculture at the La Salle township high school, there are great possibilities of increasing the production of garden produce in the tri-city alone. As much as \$50 worth of garden truck has been raised during a season by students of the high school in vacant lots and back yards.

The T. H. S. Campaign.

Mr. Cairns of the Agriculture Department spoke before the school last week on the necessity of increasing the food production of the community. Mr. Cairns is himself supervising the care of numerous vegetable gardens in the Tri-Cities and made an appeal to the students body for the planting of gardens by all families in the towns as well as for a missionary campaign for the use of vacant lots, the establishment of canning clubs, etc. A census of the school was taken with a view to determining:

How many families have gardens;
How many families are planting vegetables that can be canned;
How many families have fruit in their gardens;

How many care to take up the work of the canning clubs in the summer and fall;
How many students are themselves actually working in the garden.

One of the results of the inquiry was that 119 students went to enter the canning clubs and that nearly all the families represented in the school have gardens at home, which in many cases will need supervision if they are to have the best results.

Free Ground for Gardens.

From the Oglesby Coal Company today comes the following announcement:

"President Wilson and all other authorities agree that every foot of available ground should be cultivated this year. The patriotic duty of helping in this most important work rests upon the land owner, every tenant and every individual to the extent of their ability. We have a great many vacant lots in various parts of Oglesby, which we offer free of charge to persons who would like to work them as vegetable gardens. Also a few larger tracts at very low rent for vegetable or grain."

"FALSELY ACCUSED" HOME TALENT PLAY A ROUSING SUCCESS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH AMATEURS
WORK LIKE PROFESSIONALS IN
GAYETY PRODUCTION LAST
NIGHT.

The St. Francis Dramatic Club repeated their success of former years in their presentation of "Falsely Accused" last evening at the Gayety theatre. The play is a three act farce comedy and requires considerable acting upon the part of the local thespians.

The show itself depicts the trials encountered by a young country lad, Bud Wheeler, who has been discharged from his position in Chicago by reason of Harvey Barton's trickery. Wheeler is even accused of stealing a large sum and his parents are inclined to believe his guilt because of his sudden disappearance. Thru the cleverness of Alvira Boggs, an orphan the conspiracy of Harvey Barton is uncovered.

Well Acted.

William Veith, in times past has been assigned to various roles but as Eli Wheeler, proprietor of a country store, he was at his best. In the third and fourth acts, Mr. Veith has considerable to do and he accomplishes his task in a pleasing manner.

Edmund Dougherty is presented as Bud Wheeler, a country lad discharged from his position, enacts his part well. Mr. Dougherty's fury at his cousin's resentment, was well presented.

To Edwin Mattes was assigned a most difficult part. Mr. Mattes was seen as Harvey Barton, a drummer and it is he who conspires to oust young Wheeler from the affections of Dora Barton, the young heiress.

Miss Loretta Otto is starred in the presentation of the annual play this year. Miss Otto is given the role of Dora Barton, Eli's niece and heiress to a fortune. Miss Otto has a most difficult part to present but easily accomplished her part in artistic fashion.

Mrs. William Veith, as aunt Hannah, Eli's wife proved herself to be an actress of more than mediocre ability. Mrs. Veith presented the part of a country woman.

William Mulholland, as Jimsy Flanagan, an Irish grocer clerk, was one of the enjoyable features of the play. "Bill" gets off his "lines" in true Irish fashion and kept the audience in an uproar through the play.

Miss Emma Poutre as Jerusha Jane Alvira Boggs, an orphan girl, did exceedingly well. This was Miss Poutre's first appearance in home talent plans and she bids fair to be ranked as a professional before long.

Lawrence Mattes as Jasper White, a negro under suspicion is very amusing. Mr. Mattes has a real dark makeup and gets off the talk of a southern negro in nice manner.

As the chief of the Jayville police force Hern Schiffgens was very amusing. Mr. Schiffgens is known on the stage as Otto Guckenheimer and whether given that name or not there would be little doubt in the minds of the audience as to his nationality after hearing him recite his "lines."

A fair sized house greeted the efforts of the amateurs last evening, and they should play to a capacity house Wednesday at the second presentation.

The play is a high tribute to the ability of Father Miller, who is directing the young actresses and actors. During the intermission between acts Hentrich's orchestra furnished most delightful music.

The following is the cast of characters:

Eli Wheeler, who keeps the corner store William Veith
Bud Wheeler, his son, home from the city Edmund Dougherty
Harvey Barton, Bud's cousin, a "drummer" Edwin Mattes
Jimsy Flanagan, recently landed, and remarkably green William Mulholland

Otto Guckenheimer, Jayville's Chief of Police Henry Schiffgens
Jasper White, always under suspicion Lawrence Mattes
Dora Barton, Eli's Niece and Heiress Miss Loretta Otto
Jerusha Jane Alvira Boggs, an orphan Miss Emma Poutre
Aunt Hannah, Eli's wife Mrs. William Veith

Scene Plot.

First Act—A country store in Illinois.

Second Act—The dining room in Eli Wheeler's home.

Third and Fourth Acts—Same as second.

Musical program by Hentrich's orchestra.

Pastor Gets License.

Rev. William Schiewer, pastor of the M. E. church at Gilman, today was in Ottawa and secured a license to wed Miss Christine E. Berge, of Ransom. The marriage day was not announced by the clergyman.

COUNTY MAY HAVE 24 SLACKER BENEDICKS

LICENSE CLERKS RECORDS SHOW
THERE WERE THAT MANY
MORE WHO APPLIED FOR PER-
MITS TO WED COMPARED PER-
IODS OF 1916-1917.

La Salle county may have some bridegroom slackers, but the general opinion among officials is that the excess of twenty-four marriage licenses from April 6 to 16 in 1917 over the same period in 1916, is due more to that "in the Spring a young Man's Fancy" stuff than it is to war brides and a disgust of army service.

At least La Salle county matrimonial experts believe that is the more charitable way of looking at the excess rush to Clerk Andrew Bach's desk for marriage permits. A few among the surplus—and last year was rated as a heavy one in hymeneal matters—may have had an idea of what Uncle Sam might do them as "single men." One is known to have had just that idea and utmost care was used in concealing both his and his bride's names from snooping newspapermen. He is now a full fledged benedick and rated as immune from service in the trenches or any other of the several branches that go with military life. That time may come when he finds Sherman was not so right after all.

The Free Trader-Journal has compiled a list showing comparisons from April 6, the day war was declared, 1917, and in that same period of 1916.

In 1917 a total of 50 licenses were issued by Clerk Bach during the ten days. In 1916 only 26 applied for certificates. The comparisons follow:

1917.	1916.
April 7.....6	April 7.....5
April 9.....5	April 8.....4
April 10.....6	April 9.....1
April 11.....8	April 10.....4
April 12.....10	April 12.....4
April 13.....6	April 13.....0
April 14.....7	April 14.....6
April 16.....2	April 16.....1
50	26

In 1917 there were two Sundays during the period, while in 1916 there was only one, giving the last year a one day handicap over this year.

J. W. (SPECKS) HAYDN, OLD NEWSPAPER MAN, IS DEAD IN CHICAGO

J. W. ("Specks") Haydn, at one time printer on the Ottawa Free Trader and later reporter and city editor of the Ottawa Journal died at his home, at 6927 Dayton avenue, Chicago, yesterday.

The deceased was born in West Stewartstown, N. H., and came to Ottawa in 1878. He graduated from the Ottawa high school in 1882. In October, 1882, he commenced work as a newspaper reporter on the Ottawa Journal and later learned the printing trade on the Free Trader and Republican. In December, 1889, he accepted a position as reporter on the Journal and later became city editor, which position he held until 1896. He later became city editor of the Independent Times at Streator and also held a similar position with the Republican Times in this city.

He was an authority on sporting news and considered one of the best newspapermen in this part of the state.

After leaving Ottawa he entered the employ of a railway concern, where he was employed prior to his death. The remains will be brought to Ottawa tomorrow for burial. Interment will be in the Ottawa Avenue cemetery. He leaves surviving one sister, Mrs. Charles Colburn, of Omaha, Neb.

FORMER OTTAWA MUSICIAN WEDS

The marriage of Miss Bessie Taylor, of Mendota, and Roy Murphy, former Ottawa musician, was solemnized Saturday afternoon at Chicago, in St. Sylvester's church. The wedding march for the young couple was played by Miss Esther Reilly, of this city, a friend of the bride.

The groom was a former violinist at the Apollo theatre in this city and was a member of a Mendota orchestra for five years. Miss Taylor is also well known in Ottawa.

Wheat Takes Sharp Break.

Chicago, April 17—Wheat broke sharply at the opening today with May off about 6 cents, from yesterday's close and July as much as 9 1/2 cents at one time.

From which it quickly recovered. Removal of the duty on Canadian wheat was the principal factor and profit takers another.

Corn opened 1 to 2 5/8c lower. Oats were off 3/4 to 7/8c. Provisions were sharply lower.

Chinese Beggars.

Beggars in China are taxed and have districts allotted to them in which to make appeals for charity.

CADETS TO BE GIVEN SEMESTER CREDIT IF THEY GO TO CULVER

PROF. KINGMAN HANGS BAIT BEFORE EYES OF BOYS TO GET THEM TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL MILITARY ENCAMPMENT.

An appeal to boys of his school to attend the high school military training camp at Culver from April 30 to May 14 has been issued by Prof. C. H. Kingman, and to induce the students to take advantage of this opportunity to improve themselves in affairs military Mr. Kingman has let it be known that all those who attend will be given credit for a full semester's work.

It is hoped by Mr. King that there will be as many from his school present at the coming encampment as there was in 1916 when O. H. S. carried away all records by sending a larger delegation to Culver than any other one school.

Mr. Kingman's notification to the pupils follows:

Cadets Attention.

This is the time when it behooves us all to show that we love our country. Military training is good for us, and it is good for the Republic.

Therefore, it is herewith announced that all boys who attend the high school encampment at Culver, April 30th to May 14th will be excused from final examinations, and given full credit for the semester's work; providing passing work is done up to April 30th, and during the few remaining school days after May 14th.

Charles H. Kingman, Principal.

Cost is Nominal.

The total expense attached to sending a boy to Culver is only about \$20. That includes his board, clothing and carefare. The school charges \$13 to cover the bare cost of food and supplies. The railroad fare is about \$7. Another \$5 would give the boy all the spending money he would require during the two weeks stay.

The money would be exceedingly well invested as the education the youths acquire will be beneficial to them in whatever walk of life they elect to follow. As a means of disciplining and training military life has none superior.

Follett is Honored.

Lothrop Follett, commander of the O. H. S. Cadets has been awarded an honorary scholarship by Culver to last during the coming encampment, because of his great work in training the recruits who enlisted for service in the school's companies.

Besides granting him this privilege a letter congratulating the young soldier upon his achievement has been received. Follett will take advantage of the honors thrust upon him and doubtless will be called upon to lend a hand at Culver by taking charge of a company of recruits there.

GOLDSTEIN LECTURE WILL BE INTERESTING

Arrangements were completed by the Starved Rock Council of the Knights of Columbus last night for the free lecture by David Goldstein of Boston, on Peace and War, which is to be held at the Gayety theatre on Thursday, at 8 o'clock p. m.

It is announced that Mr. Goldstein will deal with his subject under three headings, giving the causes of War and the way to establish peace in our domestic, industrial and governmental relations. Mr. Goldstein will make plain the Christian attitude on these three phases of his subject, while he exposes the false teachings of radicals.

Mr. Goldstein is a convert to the Catholic faith, having been baptized on May 21, 1905, which was two years after he resigned from the Socialist movement. Mr. Goldstein's fearless fair and uncompromising attitude in defense of Christian principles against the assault of opponents has at length won for him a very high standing in the community in which he lives. And it has won for him thousands of friends in the many cities, where he has spoken throughout the United States and Canada.

HUNT HERE FOR MAN WHO FLED ASYLUM

La Salle county authorities today were informed of the escape from Jacksonville asylum of Tola Nicola, an Italian, who was sent to Kankakee for treatment from this county two years ago. Nicola, according to advices from the hospital, is harmless, but it is believed he is headed for home and eventually will wind up in this county.

The local officials were notified to be on the lookout for him and if they apprehended him, an officer will be sent from the state institution to fetch him back.

Four thickens of the whale is split into four thicknesses, and each thickness makes a stout and substantial leather.

SUBMARINE FIRES UPON U. S. TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER IN AMERICAN WATERS BUT MISSES

WANT CITY TO PAY
UPKEEP OF AUTO
FOR HEALTH NURSE

WOMEN APPEAR BEFORE CITY
COUNCIL ASKING FOR HEALTH
—REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER
PALMER FOR ACTION.

Petitioning that the city look after the upkeep of the car used by the Public Health nurse a committee composed of Mrs. James Catlin, Mrs. W. F. Carr, Mrs. P. J. Clune and Mrs. Lockwood appeared before the city council yesterday afternoon and presented their claims for aid.

They asked the city to see to the cleaning of the car, the housing of the machine and that gasoline be furnished for the auto at cost.

The car used by Miss Kraft in her official capacities in visiting the homes of the sick, did not cost the city one penny, all the women ask now is that the city mechanic, George Stevenson look over the auto from time to time and that the city pay for its general upkeep saving the cost of gasoline.

The city buys 'gas' in large amounts and they ask that the fuel for Miss Kraft's auto be furnished at cost. Mrs. James Catlin was the spokesman at the meeting yesterday afternoon.

No action was taken on the matter. It was referred to City Attorney Taylor Strawn and Commissioner Palmer and they will act on the matter.

It was hoped that the ordinance for the north Ottawa pavement might be placed on file yesterday afternoon but as there were several minor changes in it the ordinance will not be placed on file until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, at which time another session of the council will be called.

The changes do not material effect the estimate but deal more with technicalities in defining the location of streets and street intersections.

CITY ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN COUNTY

Ottawa, because of the fact, is governed by commission rule escaped the city elections being held in other large cities in this county.

At La Salle Dr. H. M. Orr is candidate for re-election for mayor with no opposition.

At Peru John J. Masieon is candidate for re-election for mayor and no one is in the field against him.

At Streator Edward Reinel is the choice of the Democrats for mayor being opposed by Thurl C. Essington, the Republican candidate. Miss Anna S. Bakalar is making the race for city treasurer at Streator.

Daguerre.

The inventor of the process of photography was Louis Daguerre, born at Cormeilles, France, in 1789. He was first employed painting scenes for the theater, and while thus at work he discovered the method of representing night and day by the illumination of a transparent canvas painted on both sides. This was in 1822, but as early as 1814 Nicéphore Niepce had made some experiments of photography on metal. In 1826 he and Daguerre became partners, but in a few years the former died, leaving Daguerre to develop the remarkable art. The French government gave the medal of the Legion of Honor to the inventor of the daguerreotype.

His Mean Way.

"Henry asked you if you had made that cake, did he? Well, what was there in that to wound your feelings, child?"

"It was the—the way he said it, mamma. He—he didn't ask me if I'd made it. He—he said, 'Darling, did you perpetrate this cake?'"—Chicago Tribune.

Pedagogues and Marriage.

Two bright faced academy boys were discussing their teachers.

"Mr. Blank's going to get married, I hear."

"Gee, I hope not."

"Why?"

"Because Mr. Dash got married last year and now he's dumber."—Newark News.

DESTROYER SMITH HAS
CLOSE SHAVE IN
NIGHT ATTACK

AT OUR VERY DOOR

PRESENCE OF SUBMERSIBLE
CAUSES GOVERNMENT TO
TIGHTEN UP GUARD ON ATLANTIC
COAST—TORPEDO FAILED
BY THIRTY YARDS.

Boston, April 17—Germany has brought the war to the very doors of the United States.

The first engagement in the conflict between the United States and Germany was fought today when a German submarine attacked the American torpedo boat destroyer Smith, 40 miles off the Long Island coast. A torpedo was fired at the Smith but missed by about 30 yards. The submarine then submerged and escaped.

Official news of the attack was received at the Charleston Navy Yard by wireless from the scout cruiser Chester.

The Smith had reported to the Chester immediately after the attack.

The point where the submarine appeared is in the main steamer lane in the Atlantic ocean off Long Island.

The location of the attack was where steamships going or coming from New York would pass.

The Smith is one of a fleet of cruisers that have been patrolling the United States seaboard. As soon as she was attacked a radiogram was flashed to the cruiser Chester, the location of which has not been revealed.

The first wireless did not mention whether the cruiser Smith fired on the submarine, but it is assumed by local navy authorities that she did.

The radiogram received at Charleston follows:

"Fire Island, N. Y., April 17, 3:25 A. M.—Chester, Naval Station Boston, Naval Station New York. Latitude 40; longitude 73. April 17, 3:30 A. M.—Apparently sighted enemy submarine fired torpedo, missed United States steamship Smith 30 yards. Wake plainly seen crossing bow. Submarine disappeared."

(Signed) "U. S. S. Smith."

Menace a Reality.

Washington, April 17—Germany's submarine menace is today a reality to the United States. An underwater craft of the Kaiser's navy made an unsuccessful effort to sink the destroyer Smith on patrol duty off the Atlantic coast early today. The submarine was submerged when it was discovered and the Smith dodged its torpedo, which missed the bow of the destroyed by some 30 yards.

Confirmation of the attack came from Commander Belknap, the Navy Department censor, to whom the first news of the encounter was conveyed by the International News Service. At first naval officials were skeptical because no official report had been made to the department. Later both the naval station in Boston and New York confirmed the report.

The news of the attack caused little surprise here, however, inasmuch as the presence in the American waters of German submarines has been suspected for some time. Officials believe that this submarine and possibly others are lying in wait in the steamship lane for the vessels which are conveying the British and French war missions to the United States. The report of the attempt to sink the Smith was communicated by wireless to the scout cruiser Chester then by wireless via the Fire Island Station, to Boston and New York. Immediately the word was sent broadcast to the entire Atlantic fleet and the various squadrons of destroyers and submarine chasers which are guarding the steamship lanes.

According to the account reaching Washington, which differed slightly from the reports from Boston, the lookout on the Smith sighted a dark shape some distance about 3:30 this morning. The alarm was at once given but the dark shape disappeared and almost immediately thereafter the wake of a torpedo was sighted plainly. It passed across the bow of the destroyer some 30 yards ahead.

The Smith immediately steamed directly for the spot where the submarine had been seen but it was not sighted.

It is supposed that it submerged and made off in the darkness. The navy

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